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Docket No. 255.00040101
EXPEDITED EXAMINING PROCEDURE

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| Applicant(s): Sheridan et al. |) | Group Art Unit: | 1646 |
| Serial No.: 09/727,739 |) | Examiner: | Ruixiang Li |
| Confirmation No.: 4181 |) | | |
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| For: SOMATOSTATINS AND METHODS | | | |

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Final Office Action mailed January 13, 2003 has been received and carefully reviewed. Entry of the following amendment, together with consideration of the following remarks, is respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that the amendment places the application in consideration for allowance.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 7-11 and amend claims 3 and 4. The amended claims are provided below in clean form. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims are provided in Appendix A).

3. (Twice Amended) An isolated or purified polypeptide comprising at least one amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:15, 17, and 19.

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